



## 2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 54

July 7, 2021 - Introduced by Senators KOOYENGA, WANGGAARD, MARKLEIN, FELZKOWSKI, BALLWEG and JACQUE, cosponsored by Representatives TAUCHEN, ARMSTRONG, SCHRAA, SINICKI, ALLEN, THIESFELDT, EDMING, MURSAU, L. MYERS and SPIROS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** renaming Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to commemorate U.S. General  
2         Edward Stuyvesant Bragg.

3         Whereas, Edward Stuyvesant Bragg was born in Unadilla, New York, in 1827,  
4     and moved to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, in 1850 to open a law practice; and

5         Whereas, Bragg subsequently served as district attorney and as a delegate to  
6     the Democratic National Convention of 1860; and

7         Whereas, upon the outbreak of the Civil War, Bragg raised a company for the  
8     6th Wisconsin Infantry, where his leadership resonated among his troops and gained  
9     the respect of his superiors in the Union Army; and

10         Whereas, in an impressive feat for a man with no past military experience,  
11     Bragg reached the rank of Brigadier General in June 1864 and commanded the  
12     distinguished Iron Brigade until the war's end; and

13         Whereas, following his retirement from the Army in 1865, Bragg continued his  
14     service to the nation as a Wisconsin state senator, delegate to the Democratic  
15     National Convention, U.S. Congressman, chairman of the Wisconsin delegation to

1 the Democratic National Convention, Ambassador to Mexico, Consul General at  
2 Havana, and Consul General at Hong Kong; and

3 Whereas, Fort Bragg, a U.S. military installation in North Carolina, is  
4 currently named after Bragg's cousin, Braxton Bragg, who served as a Confederate  
5 general and reaped criticism from his troops, peers, and superiors, which eventually  
6 led to his resignation in December 1863; and

7 Whereas, Fort Bragg is currently home to the U.S. Army Special Operations  
8 Command, Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne),  
9 Joint Special Operations Command, and 82nd Airborne Division, and thousands of  
10 Wisconsin residents have passed through the base in its 103-year history; and

11 Whereas, transferring the commemoration of Fort Bragg from General Braxton  
12 Bragg to General Edward S. Bragg honors the goal of the National Defense  
13 Authorization Act to promote the long-term vision of those who dedicated their lives  
14 to defend and protect the U.S. Constitution; now, therefore, be it

15 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the United States  
16 Commission on the Naming of Items of the Department of Defense that  
17 Commemorate the Confederate States of America or Any Person Who Served  
18 Voluntarily with the Confederate States of America, established by the Fiscal Year  
19 2021 National Defense Authorization Act, rename Fort Bragg in honor of the  
20 General Bragg who more honorably served our republic; and, be it further

21 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint  
22 resolution to the United States Commission on the Naming of Items of the  
23 Department of Defense that Commemorate the Confederate States of America or  
24 Any Person Who Served Voluntarily with the Confederate States of America.

25 (END)